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Clerk Davis,

I do not believe Subrule (b)(9) satisfies the concerns of virtually all family practitioners regarding custody evaluations. Although it would allow Friend of the Court (FOC) reports to "include reports and evaluations by outside persons or agencies if requested by the parties or the court" there are many situations where the expert's recommendation may vary from the FOC's and, except for through the filter of the FOC, the expert's ability to fully testify is hampered. I believe this rule would literally wreak havoc in the domestic relations arena and urge the Court to decline to adopt it, at least as it relates to family cases.
Thank you for your consideration.

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